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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: PLOS, AF SUBJECT: AFGHA EREACTIONS TO LOS CONFERENCE

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1. ON NOVEMBER 1, AN EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED THE AFGHAN VIEWS OF THE 6TH LAW OF THE SEA (LOS) SESSION WITH MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT. MAROOFPFSTATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN (GOA) WAS VERY DISPLEASED AND DISCOURAGED WITH THE LACK OF PROGRESS AT THE RECENT LOS SESSION, AND HE CLAIMED THAT THIS SITUATION STEMMED FROM THE INTRANSIGENCE OF "CERTAIN COASTAL STATES." MAROOFI EXPRESSED PESSIMISM REGARDING THE PROSPECTS OF ANY FORWARD MOVEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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2. AS FOR AFGHAN INTERESTS IN THE LOS, MAROOFI STRESSED THAT THE PROBLEMS OF LANDLOCKED STATES WERE, NOT UNNATURALLY, PARAMOUNT IN THE VIEW OF HIS GOVERNMENT -- AND THAT ANY FUTURE AGREEMENT WHICH DID NOT TAKE THESE INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT WOULD BE "INVALID," SPECIFICALLY, MAROOFI CITED THE NEED TO INSURE THE LANDLOCKED STATES ACCESS TO THE SEA THROUGH PRO-

VISIONS FOR TRANSIT RIGHTS, AS WELL AS THE NEED TO PROVIDE FOR A "JUST SHARING" OF THE SEA'S RESOURCES AMONG ALL COUNTRIES, BECAUSE SUCH RESOURCES ARE A HERITAGE OF ALL MANKIND, NOT JUST OF COASTAL STATES.

3. THE TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S OCTOBER 4 TESTIMONY BEFORE YE SENATE WAS GIVEN TO MAROOFI, AND HE PROMISED TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY AND WITH INTEREST. ELIOT

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